



ALMA TRIO . . . The Alma Trio will appear here next April 12 in one of a series of chamber music concerts which will comprise the sixth annual season of the South Bay Chamber Music Society. Concerts will begin Nov. 2 with the Guarneri Quartet. Other concerts will feature the Stanford Chamber Players, Jan. 25; the Smetana Quartet, March 22; and cellist Joseph Schuster and pianist Sidney Stafford in a special benefit concert Feb. 22. Tickets for any or all of the concerts may be ordered from Mrs. Leonard Urban, 220 Sixteenth St., Manhattan Beach 90266.

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Why on earth is Raymond Burr cast as a cripple in a wheelchair in 'Ironside'? It adds very little to the plot or the characterization."

Maybe the 250-pound actor just wanted to take the load off his feet for a season or two. One of the plots this fall deals with a doctor who claims he can cure spinal injuries like the one which Ironside received in the line of duty so perhaps Burr is thinking of a change himself. Until then, the wheelchair is one way to get up and down the Frisco hills.

"Does anyone know what has happened to those wonderful lions who were let loose in the movie 'Born Free' after growing up in captivity?"

Yes. The co-stars of the film have determined their whereabouts and their condition and will present a one-hour documentary on them in January on NBC titled "The Lions Are Free."

"How tall is James Drury in 'The Virginian'?"

He's officially listed as six feet one inch but such figures are open to question. Paramount used to tell that Alan Ladd was 5-11 when he was actually so short that some of his leading ladies had to stand in a hole whenever they appeared in a scene standing alongside one another.

"Does Joan Crawford still act in movies?"

Almost. She was scheduled to play the mother of two gangsters in "The Cats" but bowed-out hastily last week without giving a reason. She was replaced by Rita Hayworth.

"I'm just out of my teens and so I've been raised, you might say, on 'adult' movies like 'Bonnie and Clyde,' 'The

Pawnbroker,' or 'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf.'" We thought they were 'groovy' at the time but now that I'm married with a six month old baby I realize the movies that really counted are ones like 'My Fair Lady.' Every time I get the blues or the household chores are boring I think about that Ascor scene where the people wore elegant clothes. Will they ever make movies like that again?"

One has just finished—"Star" with Julie Andrews—which recreates London's beautiful people and high fashions of the Gertrude Lawrence era showing that the Thirties weren't dominated by people like Bonnie and Clyde. It will be released in October.

"One of the best jobs of acting I have seen on television was the characterization of a railroad town sheriff who was chasing Henry Fonda on one of the NBC World Premiere movies. Can you tell me his name and the roles he has had?"

That was Michael Parks, one of the best young actors in Hollywood. You probably wouldn't have recognized him as Adam in "The Bible" or playing opposite Ann-Margaret in "Bus Riley's Back in Town." His latest is a pilot for a TV series titled "The Specialists."

"I have just finished reading the William Eastlake novel 'Castle Keep.' Will it be made into a movie?"

The filming was just completed last month with Burt Lancaster, Patrick O'Neal, Peter Falk and Jean-Pierre Aumont.

"Who is responsible for the cancellation of ABC's 'Rat Patrol'?"

CBS's Lucille Ball. She stole most of the viewers.

Voters to Decide Fate of Proposed RTD Tax Boost

Only one step—a vote of the people—remains today in the community's effort to implement improved public transportation services for Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles will be the first county to take advantage of a bill recently approved for the November ballot by governor Reagan, whose main provision provides for local voters to decide to levy a one-half cent sales tax increase for use in building rapid transit facilities.

Terminating Assembly Bill 101—authored by La Canada Assemblyman Frank Lanterman (R), "the prescription for mobility which will ease the daily horror of peak-hour congestion," Rapid Transit District President Don C. McMillan paid tribute to Lanterman and others who supported the need for equitable public transportation financing.

Should voters approve the District's \$2.5 billion program November 5 RTD will:

- Build an 89-mile, five-corridor, high-speed rail network.
- Initiate engineering for the second-phase rail lines.
- Inaugurate 300 miles of local feeder bus service.
- Establish 250 miles of express feeder bus lines, providing a direct link to the Rapid Transit lines for communities beyond the rail terminals.
- Improve existing bus routes.

The timetable leading to the November 5 election calls for the District Board, to conclude its public hearing on the recommendations contained in the RTD's Final Report, issued May 1.

Included will be a report by the District staff on the proposals made by public agencies, civic organizations and others regarding the rail and bus program.

Following the public hearing—at a date to be announced—the District will adopt final alignments for the five-corridor lines extending from Long Beach to Reseda, El Monte to West

Los Angeles and from downtown Los Angeles to International Airport and Hawthorne.

School Bus Bill Signed

Capital News Service

SACRAMENTO—A bill, AB 1601, by Assemblyman Larry E. Townsend (D-Torrance) aimed at eliminating the problem of registration and licensing of leased school buses used for other purposes during the summer months, has been signed by the governor.

The measure provides that the lessor of such a vehicle may secure a temporary permit from the Department of Motor Vehicles to operate the vehicle for any one or more calendar months at a charge of one-tenth of the annual registration and license fee for each calendar month of operation.

Teenager Apprehended In Burglary

A Downey teenager was arrested by Torrance police Saturday night on burglary charges after an area resident reported seeing two

youth breaking into a neighbor's home.

Dale C. Dodge, 18, was taken into custody at the corner of Eriel and 185th Streets.

He is suspected of trying to break into the home of Richard Elliot, 18428 Eriel St., who was vacationing at the time of the burglary.

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Law in Action

In California a couple wishing to marry must first take medical examinations to see if either one has a contagious venereal disease. The medical certificate cannot be more than thirty days old when the couple applies for the license. Otherwise no county clerk can issue a marriage license.

Formerly you had to marry in the same county that issued the license. But no longer. You may marry in any county in the state. The clerk may not issue the license where one or both applicants are under the influence of liquor or drugs, or where they seem not to know what they are doing. In California there are no racial restrictions on licenses, nor may the county clerk refer to race on the license application.

THE LICENSE calls for certain facts: The dates of the two persons' birth, full names, birthplaces, residences, parents' names and birthplaces, mothers' maiden name, previous marriages, etc.

The person performing the ceremony later signs and files a certificate with the county recorder within four days after the ceremony. However, should he fail to do so correctly, the marriage is still valid.

In certain rare cases marriages are upheld even though they fail to conform to the requirements of California law.

CALIFORNIA itself does not recognize common-law marriages made in this state. But suppose the couple were married, say, in a state which allows common-law marriages. Then California would recognize such a common-law marriage as valid, because it was valid when contracted.

Sometimes, in order to prevent injustice, the courts will regard parties as married when in fact they are not. For example, a man and woman were "married

before a Mexican official and came home to California. Here they lived for years before the man died. He left some land which a previous wife promptly claimed. It turned out that the marrying official was not actually permitted under Mexican law to perform a marriage ceremony. Not knowing this, the "widow" in good faith regarded her marriage as valid. The court held that she was a "putative" wife and entitled to the property. To be a putative wife or husband there must have been a bona fide belief in the marriage validity and a subsequent living together.

Work Set on Carson Area Road

A resolution declaring the portion of 190th Street between Dominguez Channel and Figueroa Street, within the city of Los Angeles, as part of the County System of Highways, has been adopted.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn explained jurisdiction is required so the county may improve this section.

Upon completion of the project, jurisdiction will be returned to the city.

The proposed improvement will consist of extending the pavement on both sides of the roadway to provide four traffic lanes between Figueroa and the northbound Habro Freeway on-ramp.

Construction is slated to start in September, Hahn said.

Army Specialist Five J. D. Combs, 26, has been assigned to the 47th Transportation Company near Long Binh, Vietnam. His wife, Betsiene, lives in Lomita at 25315 Bechnel Ave.

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